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HEREWITH NOMINATION DATA KHETLA T. J. RAKHETLA:

1. JUSTIFICATION

A. PROJECT' S PURPOSE: GENERAL OBJECTIVE GIVE GRANTEE BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF USA. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE ACQUAINT HIM WITH CONCEPTS, INSTITUTIONS, PERSONS IN AGRICULTURE AND SPORTS HAVING RELATIONSHIP LESOTHO.

B. REASON FOR NOMINATION: GRANTEE OCCUPIES HIGHEST CIVIL SERVICE POSITION IN AGRICULTURE MINISTRY AND IS KEY MAN IN LESOTHO GOVERNMENT AND NATIONALLY IMPORTANT SPORTS FIELD. IN POSITION CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALY TO LESOTHO' S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. PROPOSED TERM OF GRANT

A. CATEGORY OF GRANT: OBSERVATION CONSULTATION, INDIVIDUAL (CODE 210).

B. SUBSTANTIVE FIELDS OF INTEREST: AGRICULTURE (PRIMARY INTEREST), ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF AMATEUR SPORTS (SECONDARY INTEREST).

C. GRANT BENEFITS: FULL GRANT, 45 DAYS.

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3. BIOGRAPHIC DATA: TO BE FURNISHED SOONEST.

4. VISA ELIGIBILITY: ELIGIBLE

5. PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: ETA SECOND WEEK AUGUST.

6. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

ESCORT REQUESTED. AGRICULTURE - OBSERVE, STUDY FORMULATION OF AGRICULTURAL POLICY, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS IN SOIL CONSERVATION IRRIGATION, DRY- LAND FARMING. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE SESSIONS WITH HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL U. S. DEPT AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, AND STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL OFFICIALS IN 2-3 STATES. SHOULD INCLUDE FIELD PROGRAMS STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL TO BECOME ACQUAINTED CONSERVATION, IRRIGATION DRY- LAND FARMING, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, RANGE MANAGEMENT, FORAGE CROPS PRODUCTION, EXTENSION MARKETING, COOPERATIVES. OBSERVE LAND GRANT UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (RESIDENT TEACHING) RESEARCH, EXTENSION AND STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE TO DISCERN THEIR ROLE IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

SUGGEST VISITS FOCUS ON STATES SIMILAR LESOTHO' S PHYSICAL CONDITIONS VIZ ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO, UTAH, WYOMING, IDAHO OR COLORADO.

ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF AMATEUR SPORTS - GRANTEE IS PRESIDENT, LESOTHO SPORTS COUNCIL (TOP POSITION IN LESOTHO SPORTS), PRESIDENT, LESOTHO OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION. WISHES SEE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AMATEUR SPORTS TOP TO BOTTOM. SUGGEST AAU POSSIBLY POINT CONTACT. ALSO U. S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. ESPECIALLY INTERESTED TRACK, FIELD, SOCCER, TENNIS, WEIGHT-LIFTING. ALSO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS. SUGGEST VISIT WITH ROBERT SAULSBURY, COACH WILBUR CROSS HIGH SCHOOL, NEW HAVEN, CONN., WHO WAS TWO- MONTH STAG IN LESOTHO IN 1972. GRANTEE SHOULD ALSO GET OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING BLACK AMERICA. TUA

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